etc., were held in rented buildings and a large amount was being spent every year on account of rent. It would be well to accommodate all these offices in decent buildings newly put up by the Government.

The departmental educational institutions *viz.*, the Tirunakara primary school situated within the premises of the Munsif's Court, the V. M. school for girls and the V. M. Training school were all housed in very old, small, thatched and ill-ventilated buildings. There had been several representations on this subject but they were all in vain. All these buildings should be reconstructed.

Kottayam was a chief centre of water communication in the State. There was boat service from Kottayam to places like Alleppey, Quilon, Ernakulam and Vaikam. Ordinary canoe boats also landed at Kottayam for loading and unloading goods. Much inconvenience was being felt for want of a boat jetty and boat basin. These boats were landing at the Palace jetty which was quite inconvenient and unsuitable. The boat jetty there should be improved and provided with a dock and a shed put up for the use of the travellers and merchants for keeping their goods as soon as they were landed.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Government have recently sanctioned Mr. Kittan, the erection of a shed, a semi-permanent shed, costing Rs. 3,000 to accommodate 24 patients in the District Hospital, Kottayam. The Chief Engineer has been asked to finish this work before the close of the year. The other improvements to the hospital will be carried out as funds permit.

An estimate has been called for for a building for housing the courts at Kottayam. The other public offices must wait. We will try to deal with the courts first.

The subject of a new building for the vernacular middle school for girls is receiving attention. The question of providing better accommodation for the boys' school is under correspondence.

An estimate for a jetty office is pending sanction for want of funds. The necessity for a Government dock has still to be proved.

118. Certain needs of the Ettumanur pakuthi.

MR. T. P. KRISHNANUNNI ASARI (*Nominated*) urged the need for improving the Chirakulam tank situated in the centre of the Ettumanur town. This was much used by the public for bathing purposes but the water was bad and the surroundings insanitary. The improvement of the tank should be taken up without further delay, in the interests of the health of the general public. Part of the tank was separated by a bund. If this was with the idea of registering that portion to anybody, the member wanted to protest against the registry.

The need for a Munsiff's Court at Ettumanur had been represented in vain at several sessions of the Assembly. On account of the absence of a Munsiff's Court at Ettumanur, the litigant public were put to much hardship and loss, because they had to go to Kottayam in connection

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with the civil suits filed by or against them. If a new court could not be opened, the Additional Munsiff's Court at Kottayam might be removed to Ettumanur.

The motor checking station should be shifted from its existing site near the local girls' school to the junction where the Palai road crossed the temple road. The junction where the checking station was already situated was always a busy and crowded centre as the pupils going to the girls' school, the English School, the Training School and the Ayurveda School had to cross the junction frequently, besides other people also. Thus it was a source of danger to the general public as motor buses were crossing the junction at short intervals.

In order to impart higher education in Sanskrit and Ayurveda, a Sanskrit school and an Ayurveda College should be established in the Northern Division of Travancore. It would be convenient if the Ayurveda High School at Ettumanur be raised to a college and a Sanskrit school opened near it. At the moment, those desirous of studying Sanskrit or Ayurveda had to go to Trivandrum. This was very inconvenient.

Lastly, the Ettumanur-Arumanur village road should be converted into a cart road after constructing the necessary bridges and culverts thereon, and taken over for departmental maintenance. This was a very useful and necessary public work.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Krishnanunni Asari, your suggestions for improving the Chirakulam tank will be considered.

The establishment of a Munsiff's Court at Ettumanur will await the report of the Law's Delays Commissioner.

The suggestion to shift the Police checking office from the present site will be referred to the Commissioner of Police, and he will be asked to report.

Owing to the present financial position, permission for opening a Sanskrit school is being refused. There is one Ayurveda College in the State. This is very young and needs money for development; and it scarcely seems time yet to establish another.

Your final suggestion regarding the conversion into a cart road of the Ettumanur-Arumanur village road will be referred to the Chief Engineer.

119. Certain needs of the eastern pakuthies of Changanachery taluk.

MR. K. T. MICHAEL (*Changanachery taluk, Group I*) first urged the need for raising the Sirkar English middle school at Kanjirapalli into a high school. This had been represented several times. There were other middle schools near but no high school. The nearest high school was at Palai, Kottayam or Changanachery. People found it difficult to send their children to these distant places, especially owing to the prevailing economic depression. The Government had agreed to raise the middle school to a high school provided the people put up the

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